

# *Spotlight on Beaufort County...*

## **Location & Climate**

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties and the Atlantic Ocean
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 66.3 degrees and experiences 48.97 inches of precipitation annually

## **Population**

- 135,725 in 2004
- 70.7% white and 29.3% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.8 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 166,190 by 2015

## **Labor Force**

- Increased from 58,122 in 2003 to 58,592 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 4.5% in 2003 to 4.7% in 2004

## **Employment**

- Average monthly employment for the county was 55,817 in 2004, compared to 56,375 in 2003

## **Per Capita Income**

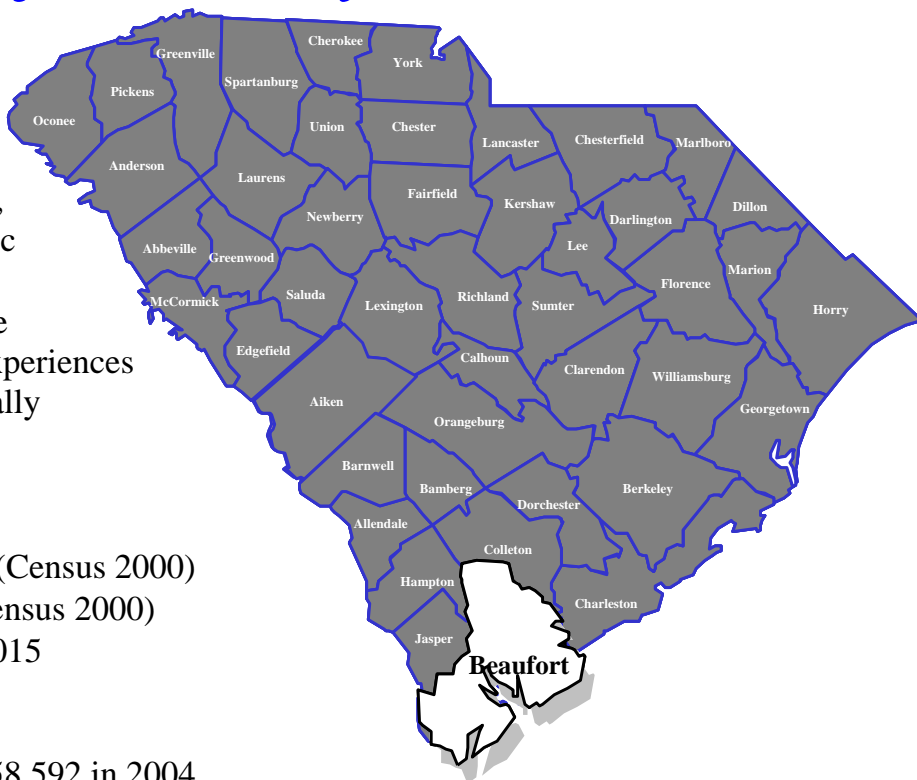
- Per capita income for the county was \$34,814 in 2003
- It was 133% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

The Beaufort Workforce Center paid a total of \$5,243,335 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

## **Beaufort Workforce Center**

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